[*English*]

Pilots of Indian Airlines and Air India

*274. SHRI A. CHARLES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the minimum educational qualifications and age fixed for selection of pilot trainees in the Indian Airlines and Air India;

(b) the duration of training and the approximate expenditure being incurred in training a pilot till he is appointed as a full time probationer;

(c) the details of perks and perquisites offered to the pilots;

(d) the number of times the pilots of the Indian Airlines and Air India resorted to strikes during the last five years and the reasons therefor; and

(e) the total estimated loss suffered by these airlines as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (e). A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT

(a) The minimum educational qualifications and age fixed for selection of pilot trainees in the Indian Airlines and Air–India is as under:–

Indian Airlines	*Air India*
Educational Qualifications:	Educational Qualifications:
Matriculation or equivalent Graduates preferred.	Should have passed Higher SECONDARY (10+2) or equivalent Examination. Preference will be given to Science Graduates
Age:	Age:
30 years relaxable 5 years in the case of SC/ST candidates. Upper age limit relaxable for one year subject to a maximum of 2 years for every completed 300 hours of flying experience over the minimum requirement for commercial pilot's licence.	30 years for general candidates Relaxable by five years in the case of SC/ST candidates.

(b) In Indian Airlines and Air India, the duration of training for a trainee pilot is 12–18 months; the approximate expenditure per trainee in Indian Airlines is Rs. 11.25 lakhs and the approximate expenditure is Rs. 6 lakhs per trainee in Air India.

(c) In addition to basic pay, the pilots in Air India and Indian Airlines get various allowances. These are listed in Appendix–I.

(d) and (e). Pilots in Air India have resorted to strikes on eight occasions during

the last five years; pilots of Indian Airlines have disrupted the schedules thrice during the last five years. Disruption of flights causes inconvenience passengers and leads to loss of revenue directly and indirectly due to erosion of goodwill. Therefore, it is difficult to quantify the exact loss due to disruption of flight schedule.

APPENDIX–I

Allowances Paid to Pilots in Air India/Indian Airlines

Air India	*Indian Airlines*
Additional Pay	Additional Pay
Oversease Operation Allowance	Licence Allowance
Special Parity Allowance	Variable Dearness Allowance
RT Allowance	House Rent Allowance
Variable D.A.	City Compensatory Allowance
House Rent Allowance	Type Allowance (varies with the endorse-
ment for operation of the various	
Kit Maintenance Allowance	types of aircraft.
Telephone Allowance	R.T. Allowance
City Compensatory Allowance	Command Pay (for possessing command rating)
Special Travelling Allowance	
Personal Pay	Efficiency Bonous
Type Allowance	Kitt Maintenance Allowance
Excess Flying Pay	Telephone Allowance
Meal Allowance/Layover Allowance	Compensatory Allowance (only in the case of A–300 pilots)
Check Allowance (for Check Pilots only)	Special Travelling Allowance
Entertainment Allowance (on flight duty abroad)	Additional Special Travelling Allowance (only for pilots with 500 hours as pilot in command)
Command Pay (only for senior captions)	Stay Over Allowance

Air India	*Indian Airlines*
	Meal Allowance
	Light Refreshment allowance
	Entertainment Allowance
	Two Crew Allowance (only for B-737/A-320 pilots)
	Qualification Allowance
	Simulator Instructor's Allowance (when deputed for imparting graining on simulator)
	Excess Flying Pay
	Operational Control Allowance (for pilots who qualify to exercise operational control duty)

Sponsored Programmes on Doordarshan

*275. SHRI S.B. SIDNAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BRAODCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have short listed proposals for sponsored programmes;

(b) if so, the number of proposals short listed and the reasons therefor;

(c) the maximum yearly requirement of sponsored serials;

(d) whether the proposals received has been categorised; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJAY VYAS): (a) to (c). Doordarshan has recently released to provisional short list of 432 proposals for sponsored programmes based on the recommendations of the Selection Committees set up for this purpose and keeping in mind their annual absorptive capacity of approximately 70 such programmes.

(d) and (e). The proposals received have been categorised in the following categories:

(i) Family serials

(ii) Comedy serials

(iii) Serials based on classics/ovels

(iv) Short stories